8.2 Single-Point, Integrated Sampling and Analytical Procedure.

8.2.1 The sampling point in the duct shall be located as specified in Section 8.1.1.

8.2.2 Leak-check (mandatory) the flexible bag as in Section 6.2.6 of Method 3. Set up the equipment as shown in Figure 3–2 of Method 3. Just before sampling, leak-check (mandatory) the train by placing a vacuum gauge at the condenser inlet, pulling a vacuum of at least 250 mm Hg (10 in. Hg), plugging the outlet at the quick disconnect, and then turning off the pump. The vacuum should remain stable for at least 0.5 minute. Evacuate the flexible bag. Connect the probe, and place it in the stack, with the tip of the probe positioned at the sampling point; purge the sampling line. Next, connect the bag, and make sure that all connections are tight.

8.2.3 Sample at a constant rate, or as specified by the Administrator. The sampling run must be simultaneous with, and for the same total length of time as, the pollutant emission rate determination. Collect at least 28 liters (1.0 ft^3) of sample gas. Smaller volumes may be collected, subject to approval of the Administrator.

8.2.4 Obtain one integrated flue gas sample during each pollutant emission rate determination. For emission rate correction factor determination, analyze the sample within 4 hours after it is taken for percent CO_2 or percent O_2 (as outlined in Section 11.2).

8.3 Multi-Point, Integrated Sampling and Analytical Procedure.

8.3.1 Unless otherwise specified in an applicable regulation, or by the Administrator, a minimum of eight traverse points shall be used for circular stacks having diameters less than 0.61 m (24 in.), a minimum of nine shall be used for rectangular stacks having equivalent diameters less than 0.61 m (24 in.), and a minimum of 12 traverse points shall be used for all other cases. The traverse points shall be located according to Method 1.

8.3.2 Follow the procedures outlined in Sections 8.2.2 through 8.2.4, except for the following: Traverse all sampling points, and sample at each point for an equal length of time. Record sampling data as shown in Figure 3–3 of Method 3.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Data Validation Using Fuel Factor. Although in most instances, only CO_2 or O_2 measurement is required, it is recommended that both CO_2 and O_2 be measured to provide a check on the quality of the data. The data validation procedure of Section 12.3 is suggested.

NOTE: Since this method for validating the CO_2 and O_2 analyses is based on combustion of organic and fossil fuels and dilution of the gas stream with air, this method does not apply to sources that (1) remove CO_2 or O_2 through processes other than combustion, (2) add O_2 (*e.g.*, oxygen enrichment) and N_2 in proportions different from that of air, (3) add CO_2 (*e.g.*, cement or lime kilns), or (4) have no fuel factor, F_O, values obtainable (*e.g.*, extremely variable waste mixtures). This method validates the measured proportions of CO_2 and O_2 for fuel type, but the method does not detect sample dilution resulting from leaks during or after sample collection. The method is applicable for samples collected downstream of most lime or limestone flue-gas desulfurization units as the CO_2 added or removed from the gas stream is not significant in relation to the total CO_2 concentration. The CO_2 concentrations from other types of scrubbers using only water or basic slurry can be significantly affected and would render the fuel factor check minimally useful.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Analyzer. The analyzer and analyzer operator technique should be audited periodically as follows: take a sample from a manifold containing a known mixture of CO_2 and O_2, and analyze according to the procedure in Section 11.3. Repeat this procedure until the measured concentration of three consecutive samples agrees with the stated value ±0.5 percent. If necessary, take corrective action, as specified in the analyzer users manual.

10.2 Rotameter. The rotameter need not be calibrated, but should be cleaned and maintained according to the manufacturer's instruction.

11.0 Analytical Procedure

11.1 Maintenance. The Orsat analyzer should be maintained according to the manufacturers specifications.

11.2 Grab Sample Analysis. To ensure complete absorption of the CO_2, O_2, or if applicable, CO, make repeated passes through each absorbing solution until two consecutive readings are the same. Several passes (three or four) should be made between readings. (If constant readings cannot be obtained after three consecutive readings, replace the absorbing solution.) Although in most cases, only CO_2 or O_2 concentration is required, it is recommended that both CO_2 and O_2 be measured, and that the procedure in Section 12.3 be used to validate the analytical data.

NOTE: Since this single-point, grab sampling and analytical procedure is normally conducted in conjunction with a single-point, grab sampling and analytical procedure for a pollutant, only one analysis is ordinarily conducted. Therefore, great care must be taken to obtain a valid sample and analysis.

11.3 Integrated Sample Analysis. The Orsat analyzer must be leak-checked (see Section 11.5 of Method 3) before the analysis. If excess air is desired, proceed as follows: (1) within 4 hours after the sample is taken, analyze it (as in Sections 11.3.1 through 11.3.3) for percent CO_2, O_2, and CO; (2) determine the percentage of the gas that is N_2 by subtracting the sum of the percent CO_2, percent O_2, and percent CO from 100 percent; and (3) calculate percent excess air, as outlined in Section 12.2.

11.3.1 To ensure complete absorption of the CO_2, O_2, or if applicable, CO, follow the procedure described in Section 11.2.

NOTE: Although in most instances only CO_2 or O_2 is required, it is recommended that both CO_2 and O_2 be measured, and that the procedures in Section 12.3 be used to validate the analytical data.

11.3.2 Repeat the analysis until the following criteria are met:

11.3.2.1 For percent CO_2, repeat the analytical procedure until the results of any three analyses differ by no more than (a) 0.3 percent by volume when CO_2 is greater than 4.0 percent or (b) 0.2 percent by volume when CO_2 is less than or equal to 4.0 percent. Average three acceptable values of percent CO_2, and report the results to the nearest 0.2 percent.

11.3.2.2 For percent O_2, repeat the analytical procedure until the results of any three analyses differ by no more than (a) 0.3 percent by volume when O_2 is less than 15.0 percent or (b) 0.2 percent by volume when O_2 is greater than or equal to 15.0 percent. Average the three acceptable values of percent O_2, and report the results to the nearest 0.1 percent.

11.3.2.3 For percent CO, repeat the analytical procedure until the results of any three analyses differ by no more than 0.3 percent. Average the three acceptable values of percent CO, and report the results to the nearest 0.1 percent.

11.3.3 After the analysis is completed, leak-check (mandatory) the Orsat analyzer once again, as described in Section 11.5 of Method 3. For the results of the analysis to be valid, the Orsat analyzer must pass this leak-test before and after the analysis.

11.4 Standardization. A periodic check of the reagents and of operator technique should be conducted at least once every three series of test runs as indicated in Section 10.1.

12.0 Calculations and Data Analysis

12.1 Nomenclature. Same as Section 12.1 of Method 3 with the addition of the following:

%EA = Percent excess air.

0.264 = Ratio of O_2 to N_2 in air, v/v.

12.2 Percent Excess Air. Determine the percentage of the gas that is N_2 by subtracting the sum of the percent CO_2, percent CO, and percent O_2 from 100 percent. Calculate the percent excess air (if applicable) by substituting the appropriate values of percent O_2, CO, and N_2 into Equation 3B–1.

$$\%EA = \frac{\%O_2 - 0.5\ \%CO}{0.264\ \%N_2 - \left(\%O_2 - 0.5\ \%CO\right)} \times 100 \qquad \text{Eq. 3B-1}$$

NOTE: The equation above assumes that ambient air is used as the source of O_2 and that the fuel does not contain appreciable amounts of N_2 (as do coke oven or blast furnace gases). For those cases when appreciable amounts of N_2 are present (coal, oil, and natural gas do not contain appreciable amounts of N_2) or when oxygen enrichment is used, alternative methods, subject to approval of the Administrator, are required.

12.3 Data Validation When Both CO_2 and O_2 Are Measured.

12.3.1 Fuel Factor, F_o. Calculate the fuel factor (if applicable) using Equation 3B–2:

$$F_o = \frac{20.9 - \%O_2}{\%CO_2} \qquad \text{Eq. 3B-2}$$

Where:

$\%O_2$ = Percent O_2 by volume, dry basis.

$\%CO_2$ = Percent CO_2 by volume, dry basis.

20.9 = Percent O_2 by volume in ambient air.

If CO is present in quantities measurable by this method, adjust the O_2 and CO_2 values using Equations 3B–3 and 3B–4 before performing the calculation for F_o:

$$\%CO_2(adj) = \%CO_2 + \%CO \qquad \text{Eq. 3B-3}$$

$$\%O_2(adj) = \%O_2 - 0.5\ \%CO \qquad \text{Eq. 3B-4}$$

Where:

%CO = Percent CO by volume, dry basis.

12.3.2 Compare the calculated F_o factor with the expected F_o values. Table 3B–1 in Section 17.0 may be used in establishing acceptable ranges for the expected F_o if the fuel being burned is known. When fuels are burned in combinations, calculate the combined fuel F_d and F_c factors (as defined in Method 19, Section 12.2) according to the procedure in Method 19, Sections 12.2 and 12.3.